

**PATENT**

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of )  
David Mack ) Group Art Unit: 1631  
Serial No. TBA ) Examiner: M. Allen  
(Cont. of 09/341,302 )  
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For: **EXPRESSION MONITORING FOR GENE FUNCTION**

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Before examination on the merits, please amend the application as follows:

**IN THE SPECIFICATION:**

Page 1, line 4, please substitute the following paragraph:

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This application claims the priority of the U.S. Provisional Application, Serial No. 60035327, attorney docket No. 3004, filed on Jan. 13, 1997 and U.S. Provisional Application, Serial No. 60049627, filed on June 13, 1997. This application is a continuation of U.S. Application Ser. No. 09/341,302 which is a 371 of PCT/US98/01206, filed January 12, 1998.